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CHILD PORNOGRAPHER SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS

PHILADELPHIA – United States District Judge Berle M. Schiller today sentenced 23-year-old Chad Frank of Philadelphia to 35 years imprisonment for his role in a conspiracy to produce and distribute child pornography. Frank pled guilty in June.

Frank used the Internet, electronic mail, Internet Relay Chat, and electronic bulletin boards to distribute images of child pornography; request and receive images of child pornography; exchange information about ways of abusing children, including molesting them while they are sleeping and drugging them to avoid them waking up while they are being molested; offer to take photographs of children being abused according to the tastes of other pedophiles; organize gatherings for groups of Boy Lovers¹ where members could meet children and exchange child pornography; and to encourage, induce and persuade other co-conspirators to sexually abuse young children, and take photographs of such abuse. For her part in assisting him, Frank's girlfriend Michelle Foisy will be sentenced November 23rd at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 5C, U.S. District Court in Philadelphia.

"Severe sentences fit these types of crimes, which are nothing short of horrific," said Meehan. "This was a defendant who manipulated innocent children to satisfy a list of perversions that are beyond comprehension. Chad Frank created images using children as young as two years old. The only way to discourage this kind of activity is to make sure that when these predators are caught, the consequences are beyond anything they would have imagined."

Frank's arrest and conviction is the result of an Operation Predator investigation led by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Operation Predator is an ICE initiative designed to protect young people from Internet predators, pornographers, "sex tourism" violators, and other predatory criminals. For more information about Operation Predator, go to www.ICE.gov.

¹According to the BoyChat website, Boy Lover ("BL") is "a label chosen by men with a physical, emotional, and psychological attraction to prepubescent boys, who do not believe that loving relationships with boys are damaging, so long as the interests of the boys are respected."

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Chad Frank	Central Avenue, Croydon, PA Erwin Street, Philadelphia, PA	23-years-old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of sixty years, including a ten-year mandatory minimum, a \$1,000,000 fine, five years up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$1800 special assessment.

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Manisha M. Sheth.

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